

**CALLED MEETING OF THE CANTON CITY COUNCIL
12 NOON, TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016
Canton City Hall, 290 East Tyler, Canton, Texas 75103**

MINUTES

The Canton City Council met at the above-named date and time in the City Municipal Courtroom. Members present were Mayor Lou Ann Everett and Councilmembers Cindy Malouf, Scott Perkins, Shawn Stewart and Connie Odic. Councilmember Moore was absent.

Also in attendance were City Manager Lonny Cluck, Assistant City Manager Andy Wolfe, City Secretary Debra Johnson and Finance Director Kimberly Kroha.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Everett called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 12:05 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 202 W. TERRELL, CANTON, TEXAS – Councilmember Malouf made a motion to approve the purchase of property located at 202 W. Terrell, Canton, Texas. Councilmember Stewart seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem - Shawn Stewart: Approve
Council Member - Connie Odic: Approve
Council Member - Cindy Malouf: Approve
Council Member - Scott Perkins: Approve
Council Member - Nathan Moore: Absent

3. CONSIDER DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING OF PROJECTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, STREETS AND UTILITIES, IMPROVEMENTS TO FIRST MONDAY GROUNDS, REPAINTING OF HISTORIC WATER TOWER, AND NEW CITY HALL – There was a brief discussion about the original equipment found on the historic water tower.
4. CITY MANAGEMENT REPORTS
 - A. OTHER ITEMS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the authority contained in Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Council will convene in closed or executive session to discuss the following matters.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DELIBERATIONS/CONSULTATION REGARDING POTENTIAL PURCHASE/RECEIPT OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY (Section 551.072)
- None

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

6. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WORK SESSION

7. WORK SESSION ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

- A. FEE SCHEDULE
- B. GARBAGE RATES
- C. PROJECTS/TRADEOFFS
- D. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

Members of the Van Zandt County Veterans Memorial group requested the City continue the \$6000 contribution to assist them with payment of their water bill.

Kimberly Kroha announced the meeting on August 2 would include the marketing budgets from CEDC/CVB and Main Street. She would get a consensus from Council about the tax rate and Council would set the public hearings. August 23 would be the first public hearing on the tax rate and August 30 would be the second public hearing on the tax rate and the public hearing on the budget.

Ms. Kroha said the budget would end the year with an increase of \$86,695. She proposed to add a fee on the fee schedule for plan review. Mr. Cluck said we had gotten into a situation where a company was sending in plans that were wrong and had to be reviewed several times. This was time consuming and the City had to hire individuals to help with the review. Mr. Kroha said she included \$100,000 in capital streets improvements similar to the improvements done this year. Mr. Cluck said he would get recycled material from the State and use it on some less-traveled roads. It would save the City some money on buying asphalt. Mr. Cluck said he was going to do the floors in the library offices with money left over on the project they did this year. The proposed budget had allocated \$10,000 for the carpet. Mr. Cluck said he had added back in \$5,000 to seal the windows on the Blackwell House. Mayor Everett requested the Police Department get enough money to buy the helmets they needed. Mr. Cluck said they were attempting to obtain a grant for that money.

Mr. Cluck pointed out that Council had either spent or earmarked \$750,000 during this fiscal year for items that were not originally budgeted. \$50,000 had been used for the sewer line on Clay Street that collapsed; \$170,000 was allocated to the new police building; \$500,000 was earmarked to buy the Groves property; and some money was used for the City Parks trail. He had pulled \$600,000 out of the budget to raise the water tower on Hwy 243 to put it back in service. He also omitted a new concrete parking lot in front of the library for \$100,000. He deleted \$100,000 to cut down the hill at the South Gate parking lot. Also omitted from the proposed budget was \$400,000 to fix the sidewalk in front of Hilliards' Furniture. They could not apply for a grant for the sidewalk in front of Hilliards until the current sidewalk project was finished.

Ms. Kroha went over the options for the debt issuance for streets. She tried to maintain the debt payments at \$200,000.

Ms. Kroha said Canton was lower on commercial garbage rates in the area, especially on commercial dumpsters. They had made changes to bring us more in line on the commercial dumpsters. Ms. Kroha also said they changed fees for the Animal Shelter to bring in \$30 for each adult animal rather than just charge \$30 for the first animal and \$15 for all others. They had added a fee for a ten-day stay at the facility. The amount for street cuts was increased by \$100 on the water and \$250 on the sewer side. Mr. Cluck said the Mayor would make a presentation to the Commissioners Court on August 5 about the fee to the County for use of the animal shelter. Mr. Cluck said the meter fees increased because the meter prices have almost doubled. Mr. Kroha said the amount of \$98.94 on Page 6 of the Fee Schedule was an error. Customers were actually being charged \$72.71. It was also recommended fees for zoning changes and variances and annexations increase from \$150 to \$200.

The consensus of Council was to calculate a thirteen year payout on the proposed loan. They also felt they would like to continue the contribution to the Veterans Memorial but wanted to review this item annually. Councilmember Stewart said Henry Lewis requested they upgrade the area around the artesian well.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – Councilmember Odic requested the animal ordinance be reviewed.
9. ADJOURN – There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Everett adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.